

REMARKS

Examiner has rejected claims 47-54, 58-68, and 71 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being obvious. Examiner has also rejected claim 70 under 35 U.S.C. 112 as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Claims 55-57 and 69 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, however, the examiner states that these claims would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Claim 70 would also be allowable if rewritten to overcome the rejections concerning indefiniteness under 35 U.S.C 112, second paragraph.

Pursuant to the examiner's objections, the following changes are made. Claims 55 is incorporated as part of independent claim 47, claims 56 is amended to be dependant on claim 47. Claim 57 is not changed but refers to claim 56 which is dependent on claim 47. Claim 69 is included as part of independent claim 62. Claim 62 now gives sufficient antecedent bases so that dependent claim 70 is not indefinite.

Accordingly, Applicant believes that the application is now in condition for immediate allowance. In the event the Examiner finds any remaining impediment to a prompt allowance of the claims which could be clarified or satisfied by a telephonic discussion or interview, the Examiner is respectfully requested to initiate the same with the undersigned attorney.

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